

Mr. SPEAKER.—The tractors which are out of order may be repaired and kept for sale.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Are the tractors in the possession of the Government quite in order? Are they serviceable?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Some of them are serviceable and some I want to rig out....

Mr. SPEAKER.—All those points have been answered in the last session.

Questions Nos. 5 and 69 may be taken up together.

Firing by the Madras Police on a private lorry within the municipal limits of Mulbagal Town.

Q.—59. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that the Madras Police opened fire on a private lorry within the Municipal limits of Mulbagal Town about 16 miles away from the Madras border recently;

(b) the action taken by the State Government in this behalf;

(c) whether it is true that the rice carried in the lorry was from Byrakur, Mulbagal Taluk;

(d) whether the orders of the Kolar District Magistrate not to take the rice from Mulbagal into the Madras State territory were ignored by the Madras Police;

(e) the action taken by the State Government in this behalf?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) Yes. But the incident is reported to have taken place at 7/61 furlong stone within the limits of Mulbagal Taluk, and not within the Municipal limits of Mulbagal Town,

(b) The matter is under correspondence with the Government of Madras.

(c) The matter is being investigated by the Madras Government and is probably *sub judice* in the Madras Court.

(d) Before receiving the orders of the District Magistrate, Kolar, in the matter, the Madras Police had removed the rice under the orders of the Amildar-Magistrate, Mulbagal. Therefore, the question of ignoring the orders of the District Magistrate does not arise.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (d).

Q.—69. Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Mulbagal—Srinivasapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they are aware of the incident of opening fire on a lorry near Mulbagal on 1st May 1953 by the Madras Police?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

Yes.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What is the distance from the place of the firing to Mulbagal Town?

* Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is about half a mile from the limits of the Mulbagal Municipality.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it within fifteen miles from the State border?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is stated in the question itself.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has the Government ascertained whether the Madras Police had licence to carry arms within the Mysore State?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—They do not require a licence to carry arms in our State.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are the Madras Police justified in opening fire anywhere in the State?